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Facts and Fancies

By Frank Fairborn

The Editor of the Toronto Globe having written the most brutal editorial that ever appeared in any newspaper in the Dominion of Canada, when he attacked the Minister of Militia with sole object of injuring Sir Sam in the eyes of the men and boys of Canada, in order that recruiting might be hindered and an advantage thus given to our German enemies, now turns his attention to "holy" things and discusses "prohibition."

Like the German Emperor in the devilish wars of 1866 and 1870 and like the present Kaiser in the more than devilish war of 1914-18, the Editor of the Globe has to cover his poisoned sword with the honey of religion and hypocrisy in order that the victims may not see the poison till it has entered their vitals and done its deadly and cowardly work.

The Editor's arguments on "prohibition" have always been most unfair, dishonest, illogical and untrue and now that he has taken upon himself to forecast the future they are of the same brand—his whole idea being to deceive and mislead the people.

The Toronto Globe in its latest editorial effort tries to prove that "prohibition" will "pay" and so anxious is it to prove its case against the "hotels" that have licensed barrooms that it forgets common sense, fairness and even the reasonable laws of trade and commerce.

The Globe in its anxiety to prove its case quotes the words of the editor of the Seattle Times, which doesn't prove anything only the evils and selfishness of "prohibition." The following is a paragraph from the Globe's editorial:

"Will prohibition pay? Here is the answer of Major Clarence Blom, editor of The Seattle Times, who fought like a wildcat against the enactment of the prohibition law that came into force in the State of Washington on January 1. The editor of The Times says his paper battled against prohibition in the belief that in a great seaport city with a population of upwards of 350,000 it would bring on economic disaster—mean miles of empty stores, reduced bank clearings, reduced bank deposits, reduced real estate values, and general business depression. Major Blom began to rub his eyes and wake up before a month had passed and to wonder why—in his own picturesque phrase—his paper had 'fought its damndest' against a law giving such results. Now, after more than six months of prohibition, The Times states that Seattle has prospered wonderfully, and that:

"Apparently without any important increase of population to account for it, the dry goods houses, small stores, haberdasheries, shoe stores, meat markets, and groceries have been doing a largely increased business." That tells the whole story. It scarcely requires the additional statements that bank clearings and deposits have greatly increased, and that mercantile collections have wonderfully improved, to indicate that prohibition pays in Seattle. The city, rid of the parasite liquor trade, is able to afford better food and clothing, and more of the comforts of life."

The first thing noticeable about this wonderful paragraph in the Globe's "That tells the whole story." This is a lie. It does not tell the whole story. It only tells one side of the story. It is a lie because it only tells one side of the story and a story half told is no story at all.

Let us look at carefully and analyze the statement of Major Clarence Blom, editor of the Seattle Times. He says that the dry goods houses, small stores, haberdasheries, shoe stores and groceries have had a largely increased business, in the six months that prohibition has been in force in Seattle.

That, we will assume, is the truth but it does not prove that prohibition is a good thing. It only proves that a large amount of money has been diverted from one line of business and thrown into other lines of business, in other words one class of business men were robbed in order that other business men might be benefitted.

The editor of the Seattle Times tells of the business men that have been benefitted, but he does not tell of the thousands of men who have been ruined or greatly injured financially. In other words he only tells one-half of the story or one-half the truth.

The Seattle Editor may be too dense to see this and the Toronto Editor is no eager to deceive and mislead the people that he overlooks it or purposely fails to mention it, but it is a self-evident fact that every dollar that is diverted to help one line of business men must to a similar extent injure some other line of business men.

If it were right from a business point of view that the licensed barrooms should be closed up in order that dry goods stores and groceries should prosper then it would be equally right that ice cream parlors, candy stores, cigar stores, pool rooms, moving picture shows and photograph galleries should be closed up in order that the butcher, the baker, the grocer and the dry goods men could get rich.

Constantly I hear business men complain that their customers are spending money in ice cream parlors, moving picture shows and pool rooms, that should be used in paying grocery and meat bills. Then why not close up ice cream parlor, theatre and other places of amusement in order that other business men may get more money and get rich quicker. If a law is made to close the business and livelihood from one class of men in order that another class of men may wax rich, why not go a little further and make a law that will steal the livelihood from a few more classes and make a sure-shot of the other fellows getting rich quicker and easier.

If that line of argument is good in favor of "prohibition" it is equally good argument to say that "war is good" because it makes many people rich.

If the argument of the Editor of the Seattle Times is good then war is certainly a good thing because in less than two years one man in Hamilton, Ontario, made so much money out of war contracts that he was able to purchase a cheque for (\$750,000.00) three-quarters of a million dollars and present it to the Government, while several men in Hamilton have been ruined by the war.

Oh yes! War is certainly a good thing! Because in the city of Toronto several men have been made millionaires through war contracts, while a hundred men on one street were compelled to go out of business and leave their empty stores to stand as a living witness to the benefits of war.

You war is a grand thing! For look ye! The paper mills of Canada are making one hundred per cent profit on account of the war, while scores of newspapers and printing plants have suspended or are running on the verge of ruin.

War is hell, but like prohibition it helps one man to get rich at the expense of another. War has made certain men in the cities rich, while it has reduced hundreds of fruit growers in the Niagara District to the verge of bankruptcy, but following up the arguments of the Seattle and Toronto editors, war is a splendid thing.

The Seattle editor did not tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth"—he told of the business men who were benefitted but he did not tell of the hundreds whose businesses were ruined. He did not tell of the thousands thrown out of employment—no he didn't tell because that would be the whole truth and prohibition would starve to death on the truth.

Prohibition is founded on "ignorance" and fostered on "lies" and the only way that a verdict can be got in its favor is by a campaign of lies, misleading statements and one-sided arguments. The very ministers of the crown in the Ontario government cabinet have become liars and double-dealers and deceivers since they have become contaminated with the poisonous and baneful atmosphere of prohibition. Members of the legislature of Ontario whom the people looked upon as decent, honorable men before they were elected have become since the prohibition question was introduced by the fakir and hypocrite Hearst, dogs who had to cast aside their own opinions—who had to break faith with the men who elected them—and crawl and grovel on the ground when Hanna and Hearst cracked the whip.

Any system that has to be supported by ignorance and crookedness must eventually fail in its avowed object. As a proof of this we have only to look at the temperance sentiment to-day that there was making his whirlwind temperance campaign—yet Maine has been under prohibition continuously these sixty years.

Prohibition has put Maine on the map and physically. There are more people in the illegal distribution of liquor in "Prohibition Maine" than in any place on the territory of the same size in the world—and if he doesn't know it, then his "prohibition" on because without "prohibition" he couldn't do it.

"Prohibition Maine" beats nearly every other state in the Union in insane people, in intemperate people, in shiftless people, in neglected children, in illegitimate children, in divorced couples and in drunken husbands.

The Editor of the Seattle Times paints a glowing picture of Seattle under six months' prohibition.—Sure! That's a picture to paint after six months' prohibition in Seattle?—I dare venture to say that ten years from now there will be in Seattle twice as many people engaged in the distribution of liquor as there was a year ago under license, and I will go further, I will venture to say that ten years from now there will be liquor in ten times as many homes as there was before prohibition came into force.

Prohibition will never succeed in any country on account of the insincerity of prohibitionists. Here's a couple of cases in point: I was riding on the train with a man who was a rabid prohibitionist and a strong prohibitionist. "Well," I says "Hearst has given us prohibition." "Yes," he replied "he is a fine man. He did a great thing." "Yes," I says "but will you vote for him next election?" "Oh, No!" he replied "I couldn't do that."

Here's another. I was talking to a minister of the gospel. "If," said I, "a general election came on, who would you support Hearst or Rowell?" "Why," said he "I would support Rowell." The minister was a liberal and a prohibitionist.

Prohibition in the United States has become a football for the two political parties and it will become the same in Canada. In some of the states you can see the ministers of the gospel and the political bosses and the blind stagers all going hand-in-hand to the polls to vote for prohibition and there is nobody left to vote for license but the few decent people.

Already some of the newspapers are telling the people that there is no need of stocking up with liquor before the 15th as they will be able to get a daily supply from Montreal.

It's the old, old story—stop a man buying a five cent glass of beer by retail and drinking retail and educating him to buy a case of whiskey wholesale and drink it wholesale. A grand change indeed.

MATING THE THOROUGHBRED WITH THE TROTTER FOR ARMY HORSES

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 21.—While August Belmont, The Jockey Club's Chairman, is an ardent admirer of the thoroughbred he is willing to give credit to other families and to some more so than the standard-bred. He has on more than one occasion in public praised the trotter and in his opinion the blending of these types will produce the ideal general purpose horse.

The best results have been obtained by using the thoroughbred sire as a top cross, but Mr. Belmont has been so stumped that the thoroughbred dam will produce a trotter of class when mated with a standard-bred sire that has the trotting instinct highly developed. Only three three-year olds or trotting sires and out of thoroughbred dams have as yet appeared and it is significant that Mr. Belmont should have bred one of them in the colt Proof of the Pudding 2:28½, by Peter the Great 2:07¼.

"It was something I said in praise of the trotter at the Sportsman's Dinner in New York some years ago," said the Jockey Club's head, "that is responsible for Proof of the Pudding. I like the trotting horse for his many excellent qualities and said, on this occasion speaking of what had been done by using the thoroughbred sire on mares of our best hunters and sires, that we were bred that way and ventured the opinion that the trotter owed much of his excellence to the presence of more or less warm blood in all of the successful families, especially those from the Palo Alto stud of the late Senator Stanford of California where champions had come from mating Electioneer with thoroughbred mares notably in the case of Dame Winnie by Planet which produced Palo Alto 2:04½ and Esther by Express which threw the great three-year-old Expressive 2:13½; the greatest campaigner of her age the trotting turf has ever known.

"After the dinner," continued Mr. Belmont, "Mr. W. E. D. Stokes offered me a service for one of my thoroughbred mares to his great trotting stallion Peter the Great 2:07¼. I selected Sovereign by Rayon d'Or out of Sultan by Lexington as a fitting mate for the Son of Happy Medium. She has thrown a good race horse Gallant and is the dam of the filly Soreres now racing here. The produce of this union was a bay colt which I named Proof of the Pudding. You see I was confident that he could make good my contention. When he was old enough to be trained he was sent to Tommy Murphy at Poughkeepsie, who gave him a record of 2:23½ before going on the Grand Circuit a few weeks ago. Murphy says he could have driven him much faster. It is my intention to breed this colt to an Electioneer mare I own and have already selected a name for the produce whether it be colt or filly—Proof Positive.

"If the Federal Government wants to achieve definite success in its breeding experiments," went on Mr. Belmont, "they can't go wrong if they breed the thoroughbred horse to a good trotting mare. The army horse must have stamina. This the trotter already possesses in a superlative degree, and it wouldn't have to be bred into him, as would be the case in almost any other type of mare. Generations of racing has developed great lung power in the trotter and

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"When you think that Senator Stanford bred very many thoroughbred mares of trotting sires and Mr. Belmont bred only one, you must hand it to The Jockey Club Chairman. He has done what he said he would accomplish at the first time of trying. I find that only three-year olds out of thoroughbred dams have beaten 2:30. These are Expressive 2:12½, whose dam was Esther by Express, Annabel 2:27, by Dawn, out of Pacheco by Hubbard, a son of Planet and Proof of the Pudding, 2:28½, by Peter the Great, 2:07¼. Now I saw persons know that are trotters by thoroughbred sires are beaten 2:30. They are Colonel Lane, Gypsy Girl, Lucille, Rigolette and Scotland, while Venture an absolutely thoroughbred horse has a record of 2:27¼ made in California as long ago as 1877. He was by Williamson's Belmont, dam Miss Moxey by American Boy Jr., and the next dam Fanny Moxey by Medoc."

Mr. Madden has, after two years of hard work, compiled a very valuable book, copies of which will be presented to a few friends. It is called "Pedigree of Horses Not Well Known That Appear in the Pedigree of Present Day Trotters," and it shows a world of painstaking research on the part of the author.

TORONTO DAILY NEWS GIVES ITS OPINION ON DEWAR'S ELECTION

The Daily News cannot express any surprise over the result in Southwest Ontario. It knew that the constitution was opposed to prohibition and that no other question would be considered. The opponents of prohibition voted for Mr. Dewar or would not go to the polls. Thousands of conservatives who franchised themselves who would have been glad to support Mr. Norris. They did not endorse prohibition, nor would they support a Liberal candidate. On the other hand, the bulk of the prohibitionists voted for Mr. Dewar, although he was the candidate of the organized opponents of prohibition. When the first Patron candidate was elected to the Legislature to represent North Bruce he was described as "the rebuke to Mr. Dewar is 'the rebuke to

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